Serial No. 09/870,009

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

Kashima et al

Serial No.: 09/870,009 Group Art Unit: 1631

Filed: May 30, 2001 Examiner: Carolyn L. Smith

For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE FOR IDENTIFYING A SOURCE OF GENETIC

INFORMATION, AND DNA AND CELL INCLUDING THE SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment dated January 8, 2008, Applicant notes that an RCE and Preliminary Amendment were filed on December 31, 2007. In fact, the <u>USPTO's</u> website confirms that the RCE and Preliminary Amendment were filed on December 31, 2007.

Therefore, this Application has clearly <u>not</u> been abandoned, and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the holding of Abandonment and consider the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 31, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

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